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1. A mobile security cabinet (2) for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (4a, 4b) for said dispensing machine, each container (4a, 4b) including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet (2) further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller (20) responsive to the at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, the cabinet further including a pick unit (40) for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine without exposing said containers.
2. A security cabinet (2) as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir (8a - 8d) within the security cabinet.
3. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir within the containers (4a, 4b).
4. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a locking arrangement is provided to hold each container within its reception region.
5. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one position detector (26) is provided to determine when a container (4a, 4b) is correctly engaged with the cabinet.
6. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cabinet has a penetration detecting covering.
7. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6, characterised in that the penetration detecting covering covers substantially the entire surface of the cabinet.
8. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterised in that the cabinet has an openable closure (52), which openable closure is acted upon by a lock.

9. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the lock is controlled by the controller (20).
10. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 2, or any other claim dependent thereon, characterised in that each security container (4a 4b) includes one of a male and female connector (100, 102) for engaging with a co-operating one of a female and male connector (102, 100) of the security cabinet when the container is at its reception region.
11. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that the co-operating connectors include a sweeping means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement with one another.
12. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised by further including position and/or motion determining means for providing a measurement of position and/or motion to the controller such that the controller can detect unauthorised movement of the cabinet and initiate spoiling of the contents of the cassette.
13. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cabinet further includes at least one data exchange system (30) for exchanging data with other security systems.
14. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 13, in which the security cabinet is arranged to exchange data with the security systems at a replenishment centre and/or of a delivery vehicle.
15. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 15 or 16, in which the cabinet is arranged to exchange data with an automatic teller machine.
16. A security cabinet as claimed in any one claims 13 to 15, in which the cabinet is arranged to exchange identity information to the ATM and/or encryption/decryption keys.

A 17. An ATM in combination with a security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.

18. A replaceable cash store (50) for an automatic teller machine, comprising a portable container defining a plurality of cash storage regions therein, a spoiling arrangement for delivering a spoiling agent to the cash storage regions, at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attack on the cash store and a controller (20) for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, characterised by said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine such that cash can be delivered to the Automatic teller machine without opening the cash store.

19. A mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes (4a, 4b), each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the security cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement, the mobile security cabinet being engagable with an automatic dispensing machine without exposing said security boxes.